Adequate briefing was given to our trade and industry representatives, who attended the Congress, on various matters that came up for discussion in the Congress.

US military aid to other countries

481. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports in the various news media that U.S. Government proposes to waive the provisions of law prohibiting American military aid to the countries possessing unsafeguarded nuclear equipment and technology; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto, especially in the context of persistent reports that Pakistan is on the threshhold of making atomic bomb?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. According to available information, Pakistan is the only country for which such waiver has been sought.

(b) Government have repeatedly urged the U.S. Government to use its influence with Pakistan and all means available under US laws to deter Pakistan from making nuclear weapons. Government also keeps under constant review India's security needs.

Sarkaria Commission

482. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State relations has completed its study and submitted its report to Government; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for the delay and by when the Commission is expected to submit its report to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Delay in the finalisation of the Commission's report is because of non-receipt of views from the State of Punjab as also the newly formed States of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram. In the circumstances, any indication of date for submission of report seems difficult at this stage.

Reconstitution of Board of Directors of NTC

483. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Board of Directors of the National Textile Corporation Limited, New Delhi has been restructured by inducting a new Chairman-cum-Managing Director/Directors very recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of the new incubments were facing charges of corruption and malpractices; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Consequent upon the resignation of the Managing Director and retirement of the Chairman, National Textile Corporation last year, the post of Chairman-cum-Managing Director has been filled recently. No charges are reported to be pending presently against the new incumbent.

Report of the Srinivasan Committee on NTC

484. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee headed by Shri K. Srinivasan was set up to